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Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Re: U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/879,279 for
IN VITRO CAPTURE OF NUCLEIC ACIDS VIA MODIFIED
OLIGONUCLEOTIDES AND MAGNETIC BEADS
Our File No. 1392/18/2

Sir:

Please find enclosed in connection with the subject U.S. patent application the following documents:

1. An Amendment Transmittal Form (2 pages);
2. An Amendment D (19 pages); and
3. A return-receipt postcard to be returned to us with the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office filing stamp thereon.

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Respectfully submitted,

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PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Dace et al.

Group Art Unit: 1639

Serial No.: 09/879,279

Examiner: Epperson, Jon D.

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AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL

1. Transmitted herewith is an Amendment D for this application.

STATUS

2. Applicant is other than a small entity.

EXTENSION OF TERM

3. The proceedings herein are for a patent application and the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.136 apply. Applicant believes that no extension of term is required. However, this conditional petition is being made to provide for the possibility that applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition for extension of time.

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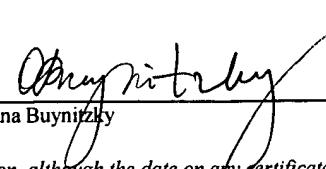
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FEE FOR CLAIMS

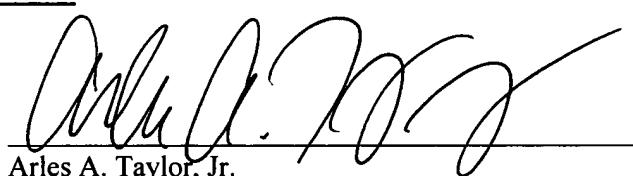
4. The fee for claims (37 C.F.R. 1.16(b)-(d)) has been calculated as shown below:

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TOTAL	21	-	30	=	0	x	\$	50.00	=	\$ 0.00
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						TOTAL ADDIT. FEE			\$	0.00

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Madam:

This is responsive to the Official Action dated July 13, 2006, for which the period for response ends on October 13, 2006. Favorable consideration is respectfully requested in view of the following Amendments and Remarks.

AMENDMENTS

Please amend the subject application as follows: